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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re : Application of Currie et al.

For : EXPANDABLE TIRE BUILDING DRUM WITH

ALTERNATING FIXED AND EXPANDABLE SEGMENTS, AND

CONTOURS FOR SIDEWALL INSERTS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97

Sir:

The following information is disclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97.

The following patents, which are listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449, are considered relevant prior art.

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Due consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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